

need for its further complex processing that is otherwise required, such as its color removal.

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**[Brief Description of the Drawing]**

Fig.1 is a graph showing the results of the test on the present invention for its resistance to digestion by pepsin.

Fig.2 is a graph showing the results of the test on the present invention for its resistance to digestion by pancreatin.

Fig.3 shows a graph showing the results of the test on the present invention for its effect on the intestinal transit in terms of fecal weight.

Fig.4 shows a graph showing the results of the test on the present invention for its effect on the intestinal transit in terms of fecal BTB excretion.

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**What is claimed is:**

1. A functional oral preparation comprising at least one selected from the group consisting of sericin and its hydrolyzed product.
2. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a low-digestible food/drink additive.
3. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 in the form of a health supplement.
4. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 or 3 in the form of a colon cancer preventive.
5. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1 or 3 in the form of a mineral absorber.
6. The functional oral preparation as claimed in claim 1, 3 or 5, further containing a mineral mix.
7. The functional oral preparation as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 6, wherein sericin is naturally derived from silkworm cocoons or raw silk.